

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sumner County
Gallatin City Hall
Dining Room
132 W. Main St.
Gallatin, TN 37066



Over the last year, the MPO has been working with partners around Middle Tennessee on an update to the Regional Transportation Plan, last adopted in December 2010. With the [2035 Regional Transportation Plan](#), mayors and county executives from across Middle Tennessee demonstrated their commitment to a new way of thinking about transportation policy and programs. The plan rests on the view that transportation infrastructure is more than just a tool to improve mobility - it is a significant contributor to the overall health, sustainability, prosperity, and character of a place - be that a small community or a large metropolitan region.

Public meetings to review the Regional Transportation Plan have been scheduled for each county. [Click here](#) for more information.

**THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S GATEWAY TO
FEDERALLY-FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND SERVICES.**

- **REPRESENTS THE REGION'S COLLECTIVE PRIORITIES FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS**

Prepared by the Nashville Area MPO on behalf of its member jurisdictions, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), titled Middle Tennessee Connected, spans the next quarter century and represents the collective transportation goals of city and county governments, transit agencies, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Its purpose is to identify how those partners intend to invest federal grants to improve mobility across Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. The plan also represents the region's top priorities for state funding as the Tennessee Governor and TDOT prepare the annual three-year work program for the Tennessee General Assembly.

- **A FISCALLY-CONSTRAINED PLAN**

The RTP includes a balanced budget. It presents a list of transportation improvements that can be constructed or implemented over the next 25 years with anticipated federal funding, based on current annual appropriations. The plan schedules projects over three planning horizons including a short-term (2016-2020), mid-term (2021-2030), and long-term (2031-2040). Projects included in the short-term horizon also comprise the MPO's regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- **KEEPS TDOT AND LOCAL AGENCIES ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING**

Since the 1962 Federal-aid Highway Act, federal legislation has required metropolitan area transportation plans to be developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. This plan serves to satisfy federal regulations outlined in 23 CFR 450 and ensures that TDOT, transit agencies, and local governments are eligible to use federal transportation funds to construct or implement improvements to roadways and transit routes.

- **SUPERSEDES THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The MPO is required by federal law to update its regional transportation plan every five years to account for changes in transportation needs that result from shifts in regional economic conditions, real estate development trends, funding availability, and public policies. The 2040 RTP supersedes the 2035 RTP which was adopted in December 2010.

Click [here](#) for highlights of Middle Tennessee Connected.